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Andrew J. Ouderkirk et al.

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Examiner: Shafer

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 1999.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 13, 14 and 44-47 are pending in the instant application. Claims 13 and 44-47 have been withdrawn from consideration and claims 1-9 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious in view of Schrenk et al. ('949). Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to withdraw the objections and allow all pending claims for the reasons provided below.

The Office Action withdraws claims 13 and 44-47 from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants respectfully submit that examination of claims 13 and 44-47 in conjunction with the presently submitted claims would not present an undue burden. The Examiner correctly notes that claim 13 is directed to a broader class of reflective polarizers. It is believed, however, that a search of art related to claim 13 would have already been conducted in the present application and that it would not be unduly burdensome to

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